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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANA 3937

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, YE, SA  
SUBJECT: TRANSLATION OF YEMENI EQUIPMENT NEEDS

REF: SANA 3926

1. BELOW EMBASSY PROVIDES ITS TRANSLATION OF EQUIPMENT LIST TURNED OVER BY CHIEF OF STAFF ALI SHAYBA ON 11 AUGUST IN MEETING DISCUSSED IN REFTEL.
2. QUOTE: THE YEMEN ARMED FORCES NEEDS OF U.S. WEAPONS.
3. QUOTE: IF WE TAKE A LOOK AT THE SOUTH YEMENI ARMAMENTS AND WE MAKE A COMPARISON WITH WHAT WEAPONS OUR ARMED FORCES HAVE WE FIND A BIG DIFFERENCE TO THE BENEFIT OF THE SOUTH YEMENIS AS FAR AS MODERNIZATION AND QUALITY IS CONCERNED.
4. QUOTE: IN ORDER THAT YAR BE ABLE TO DEFEND ITS LAND AND THE PASSAGE OF OIL AND IN ORDER THAT WE CAN REPULSE THE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WESTERN ARMS SHOULD BE EQUAL TO THE EASTERN WEAPONS THAT SOUTH  
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YEMEN POSSESSES.

5. QUOTE: THE WESTERN ARMS THAT YAR ARMED FORCES NEED TO FULFILL ITS DUTIES IN AN EFFECTIVE MANNER ARE THE FOLLOWING:

6. QUOTE: A. AIR FORCE:

- (1) F-5E AIRCRAFT: 5 SQUADRONS WITH GROUND TECHNICAL CREWS.
- (2) HELICOPTERS FOR TRANSPORT OF FORCES: 12
- (3) C-130 AIRCRAFT: 6

B. AIR DEFENSES:

- (1) 4 BATTERIES OF SURFACE TO AIR HAWK MISSILES (TO COVER THREE MAIN CITIES PLUS THE BATTLEFIELD).
- (2) 4 BATTERIES OF VULCANS.
- (3) REDEYE MISSILES TO EQUIP THE INFANTRY UNITS, EACH INFANTRY BATTALION WITH NINE LAUNCHERS.

7. QUOTE: LAND FORCES:

(1) TANKS:

- (A) EQUIP YEMEN WITH M-60 TANKS FOR THREE ARMORED BRIGADES.
- (B) ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS, M-113, FOR THREE BRIGADES.
- (C) TANK TRANSPORTERS, 68 TON CAPABILITY TO TRANSPORT ONE ARMORED BRIGADE.

(2) WEAPONS M/D

- (A) TOW MISSILES-ONE BATTALION COMPOSED OF THREE COMPANIES (18L MISSILES PER COMPANY).
- (B) DRAGON MISSILES-EQUIP NINE INFATRY BRIGADES.
- (C) M106 RECOILLESS RIFLES-NINE COMPANIES (18 RIFLES PER COMPANY).

(3) INFANTRY

- (A) EQUIP NINE INFANTRY BRIGADES WITH LIGHT U.S. WEAPONS.
- (B) EQUIP NINE INFANTRY BRIGADES WITH MEDIUM WEAPONS (50 CAL MACHINEGUNS, 81 MM MORTARS).

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- (4) (A) 9 FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALIONS WITH 105 HOWIPZERS.
- (B) 3 FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALIONS WITH 105 HOWITZERS (MOBILE)
- (C) 3 MEDIUM ARTILLERY BATTALIONS OF 155MM.
- (D) 1 HEAVY ARTILLERY BATTALION OF 8 (GUNS?) 203MM.
- (5) ENGINEERS
- (A) EQUIP 3 FIELD ENGINEER BATTALIONS WITH FULL EQUIPMENT.
- (B) PROVIDE ONE ENGINEERING WORKSHOP.
- (6) MAINTENANCE: PROVIDE 3 MAINTENANCE BATTALIONS WITH FULL EQUIPMENT.
- (7) FIRST AID (MEDICAL: EQUIP 3 MEDICAL BATTALIONS WITH FULL EQUIPMENT.

8. QUOTE: NAVAL FORCES:

- (1) 9 NINE FAST PATROL BOATS.
- (2) 3 TORPEDO BOATS.
- (3) 3 SEA-TO-SEA MISSILE BOATS.
- (4) 1 MINESWEEPER.
- (5) BOAT REPAIR YARD.

9. QUOTE: RADAR: TO COVER YAR WITH RADAR TO IDENTIFY AIR AND SEA TARGETS. UNQUOTE.

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